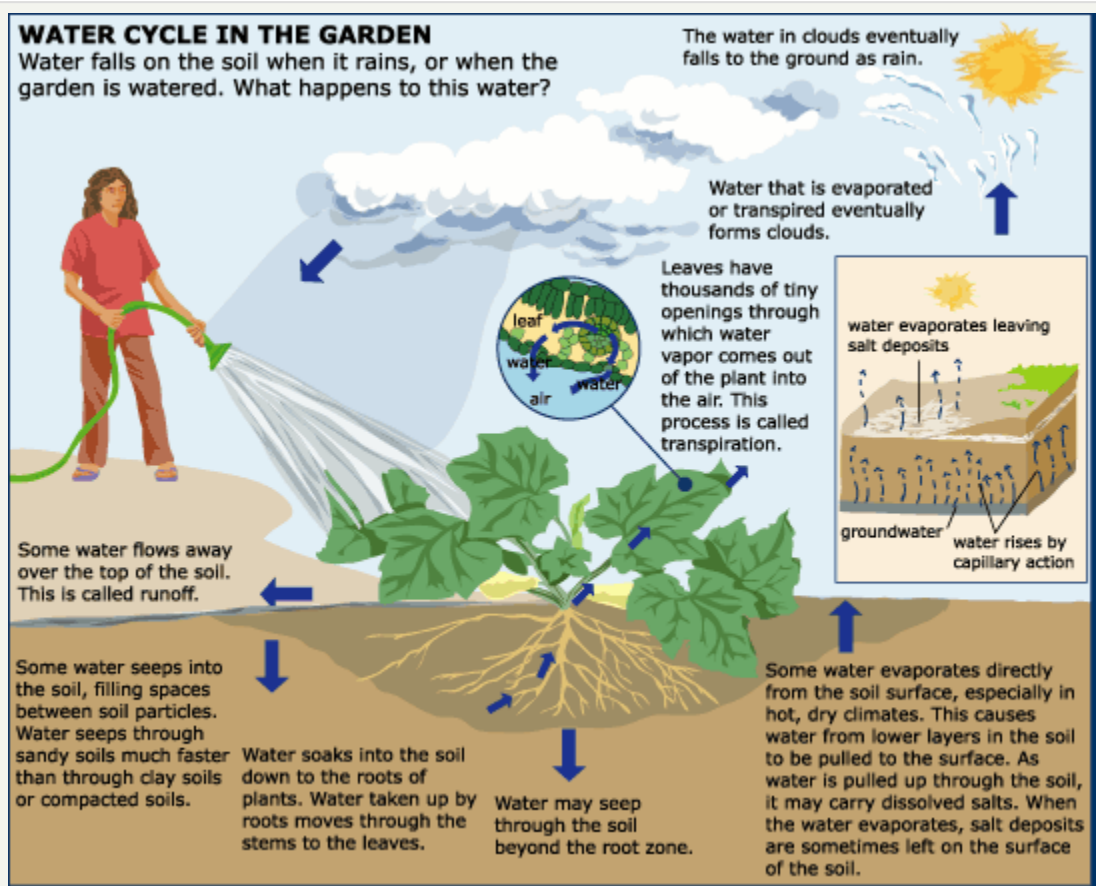


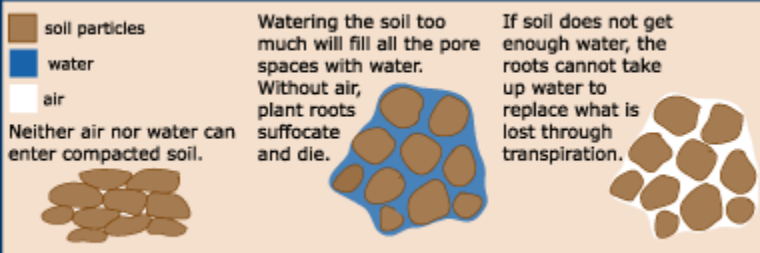


Water in the Garden



TOO MUCH OR TOO LITTLE WATER

Plants need both water and air in the soil. Ideally, half the volume of soil should be pore spaces. About half of each pore space should be filled with water, and about half with air. When soil does not have the right balance of air and water, plants may suffer from stress.



Plants are most affected by water stress right after they are planted or transplanted, and while fruits are forming. Root crops, such as beets and carrots, are vulnerable to water stress while the roots are growing.

These tomatoes have blossom end rot because they did not get enough water when they were forming fruits.



Our garden did not get enough water, so this carrot has a hard core. The lettuce is bitter, and the cucumbers are small and misshapen.



Source URL: <http://www.usbg.gov/water-garden>